



# Service Bulletin

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.

## 2001-2008 GL1800 Trunk Opener Unit, Opener Rod & Snap

*(This supersedes GL1800/A #15, dated May 2004)*

Some owners of 2001-2008 Gold Wings may experience trouble opening the trunk or saddlebag lids when the applicable latch lever is pulled. Most of the problems are with the left saddlebag opener.

In 2004, a Service Bulletin was issued providing instructions for installing a new trunk opener unit for customers complaining of a problem opening the left saddlebag lid. The new trunk opener unit, which strengthened the latch mechanism for the left saddlebag, became a standard part beginning with the 2005 Gold Wings.

During production for the 2008 model year, the trunk opener unit was modified with a new, redesigned left opener rod (which runs from the opener latch lever to the opener body) and a new blue snap (which fastens the rod to the latch lever). The blue snap replaces a green snap that may experience breakage.

The affected VIN range for 2008 Gold Wings appears in the Repair Summary table in the Repair Procedure section. All 2008 Gold Wings with higher VINs already have the new opener rod and blue snap.

### REPAIR PROCEDURE

If a customer has a problem opening the left saddlebag, refer to the Repair Summary table that follows. Inform owners that overpacking can stress the latch mechanisms, and depressing the saddlebag cover slightly while pulling on the opener latch helps relieve stress on the components. **If the left saddlebag lid opens when the saddlebag is not over-packed, no repair is necessary.**

**Trunk Opener Unit:** Before replacing the opener unit for problems opening the left saddlebag, first verify

proper cable adjustment and lubricate the rubber seals with silicone spray. Refer to the *GL1800/A Service Manual* for details.

**New Opener Rod & Blue Snap:** After placing the rod through the snap, be sure to move the hinged portion of the snap around the L-shape of the rod to avoid possible function loss. See the illustrations on page 2.

If you have questions, please contact TechLine at **(800) 421-1900, ext. 9.**

### Repair Summary

Model Years	Trunk Opener Unit Previously Replaced?	Experienced Left Saddlebag Opener Green Snap Breakage?	Repair Instructions
2001 – 2004	No	Yes	Install the new trunk opener unit & the new left opener rod and blue snap. Follow the Trunk Opener Removal/Installation instructions in the <i>GL1800 Service Manual</i> . (Template G15A)
	Yes	Yes	Install the new left opener rod and blue snap. (Template G15B)
2005 – 2007	N/A	Yes	Install the new left opener rod and blue snap. (Template G15B)
2008 within affected VIN range *	N/A	Yes	Install the new left opener rod and blue snap. (Template G15B)

\* non-ABS models with VIN before 1HFSC47\*\*8A702181

\* ABS models with VIN before 1HFSC47\*\*8A701581

\*\* denotes trim level and check digit

**CUSTOMER INFORMATION:** The information in this bulletin is intended for use *only* by skilled technicians who have the proper tools, equipment, and training to correctly and safely maintain your Honda. These procedures should not be attempted by "do-it yourselfers," and you should not assume this bulletin applies to your Honda, or that your Honda has the condition described. To determine whether this information applies, contact an authorized Honda dealer.

**PARTS INFORMATION**

Opener Unit (applies only to 2001-2004 units on which trunk opener unit was not replaced)

P/N: 81310-MCA-A22

H/C: 7700768

Left Opener Rod (rod and snap must be replaced at the same time)

P/N: 81381-MCA-013

H/C: 8835324

Blue Snap (snap and rod must be replaced at the same time)

P/N: 81336-MCA-003

H/C: 8835332

**WARRANTY INFORMATION**

This is an informational Service Bulletin, providing diagnostic and repair information useful to dealership technicians. The normal GL1800 warranty period applies. Upon completion of an eligible repair, submit one claim per VIN using the templates below. Normal claim submission timelines and requirements apply. As with any warranty repair, parts determined by AHM to have been replaced unnecessarily will subject the warranty claim to debit.

If you feel that out-of-warranty assistance may be appropriate, contact your District Service Manager at (800) 421-1900, ext. 5, or TechLine at (800) 421-1900, ext. 9 for consideration BEFORE committing to the repair.

**For installation of the trunk opener unit, left opener rod, and blue snap:**

Template: G15A

Flat Rate Time: 0.6 hours

**For installation of the left opener rod and blue snap:**

Template: G15B

Flat Rate Time: 0.3 hours

**PARTS DESCRIPTION**

